

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A shaving cartridge for connection to a handle, the shaving cartridge comprising:

a plastic housing having a front portion, a rear portion, two side surfaces extending from the front portion to the rear portion, pivoting structure defining a pivot axis for pivoting of the housing with respect to the handle, and a housing axis extending from the rear portion to the front portion perpendicular to the pivot axis, the rear portion having a rear surface;

one or more shaving blades between the front portion and the rear portion, the one or more blades extending along respective one or more parallel blade axes that are parallel to the pivot axis and located behind the pivot axis; and

a guard at the front portion of the housing including an elastomeric member that extends along the housing axis in front of the pivot axis by a front distance that is equal to, or no more than 45 percent less than, a rear distance along the housing axis from the pivot axis to the rear surface, so as to provide a cartridge that is substantially balanced about the pivot axis, wherein the pivot axis is located in front of the blades.

2. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein the front distance is no more than 35 percent less than the rear distance.

3. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein the front distance is substantially equal to the rear distance.

4. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein the front distance is at least about 3.5 mm.

5. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1 or 4, wherein the rear distance is at most about 11 mm.
6. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein the front distance is between about 5.5 and 6.5 mm.
7. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1 or 6, wherein the rear distance is between about 9.5 and 11 mm.
8. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 7, wherein the front distance is about 6 mm and the rear distance is about 10 mm.
9. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein the elastomeric member includes an elastomeric fin.
10. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 9, wherein the fin extends along a fin axis that is parallel to the respective one or more blade axes, the fin having a length along the fin axis that is longer than a blade length.
11. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 9, wherein the fin is made of a material having a Shore A hardness between about 28 and 60.
12. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1, wherein a leading portion of the elastomeric member extends beyond a leading edge of the front portion of the housing in a direction perpendicular to the blade axes.
13. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 12, wherein the leading portion is substantially unsupported along its length.

14. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 12, wherein the leading portion is sufficiently flexible to deflect upon contact with a user's skin.
15. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the leading portion is sufficiently flexible to conform to a contour of the user's skin during shaving.
16. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 12, wherein the leading portion has a first thickness adjacent the side surfaces of the housing, and tapers to a second, lesser thickness adjacent a center region of the guard.
17. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 1 further comprising a trimming assembly attached to the housing.
18. (previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 17, wherein the trimming assembly comprises a trimming blade.

Claims 19-37 (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A shaving razor including a handle and a cartridge connected to the handle, the shaving razor comprising:
- a cartridge housing having a front portion, a rear portion and pivoting structure defining a pivot axis for pivoting of the housing with respect to the handle, and a housing axis extending from the rear portion to the front portion perpendicular to the pivot axis, the rear portion having a rear surface;
 - one or more shaving blades between the front portion and the rear portion, the one or more blades extending along respective one or more parallel blade axes that are parallel to the pivot axis and located behind the pivot axis; and
 - a guard at the front portion of the housing including an elastomeric member that extends along the housing axis in front of the pivot axis by a front distance that is equal to or not more than 45 percent less than a rear distance along the housing axis from the pivot

axis to the rear surface so as to provide a cartridge that is substantially balanced about the pivot axis wherein the pivot axis is located in front of the blades.

39. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the front distance is not more than 35 percent less than the rear distance.

40. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the front distance is substantially equal to the rear distance.

41. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the front distance is at least about 3.5 mm.

42. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38 or 41, wherein the rear distance is at most about 11 mm.

43. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the front distance is between about 5.5 and 6.5 mm.

44. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38 or 43, wherein the rear distance is between about 9.5 and 11 mm.

45. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the front distance is about 6 mm and the rear distance is about 10 mm.

46. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the elastomeric member includes an elastomeric fin.

47. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein a leading portion of the elastomeric member extends beyond a leading edge of the front portion of the housing in a direction perpendicular to the blade axes.

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48. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38 further comprising a trimming assembly connected to the housing.

49. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 48, wherein the trimming assembly comprises a trimming blade.

50. (previously presented) The shaving razor of claim 38, wherein the cartridge is removably connected to the handle.

Claims 51-52 (canceled)